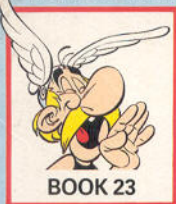


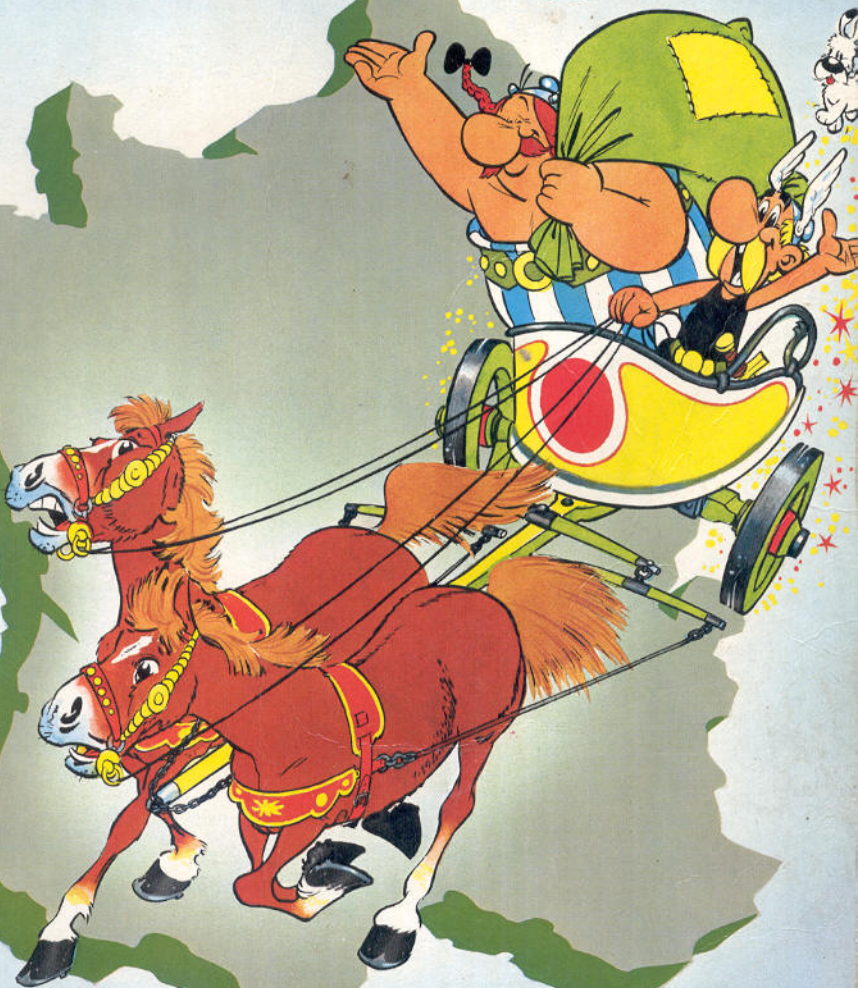
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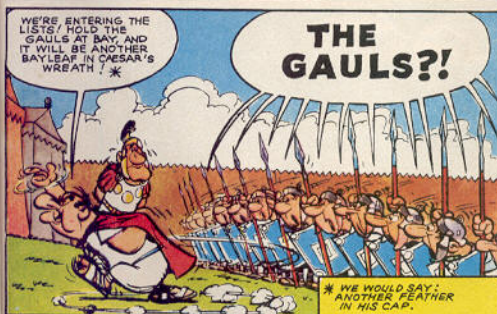
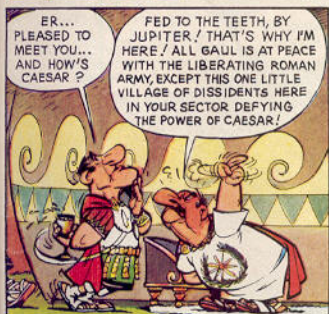


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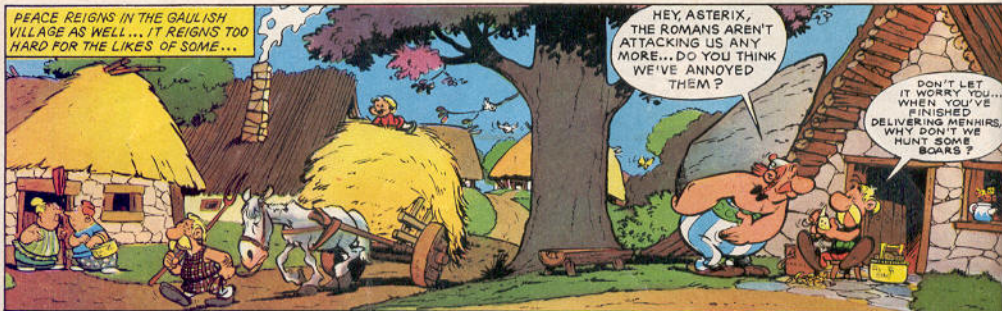
Asterix

and the BANQUET





PEACE REIGNS IN THE GAULISH VILLAGE AS WELL... IT REIGNS TOO HARD FOR THE LIKES OF SOME...



HEY, ASTERIX, THE ROMANS AREN'T ATTACKING US ANY MORE... DO YOU THINK WE'VE ANNOYED THEM?

DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU... WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED DELIVERING MENHIRS, WHY DON'T WE HUNT SOME BOARS?

SOON AFTERWARDS IN THE FOREST...



SUPPOSE WE WROTE TO THE ROMANS?

WE COULD EXPLAIN THAT...



YOU COWARDLY LOT! YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT A HANDFUL OF GAULS COULD RESIST YOU?

SSH!

DON'T MAKE SO MUCH NOISE, O OVERANKIUS, OR YOU'LL ALERT THE WHOLE HANDFUL!

IT'S THE ROMANS!!!

GOODY!



COME ON, WE MUST TELL THE OTHERS!

MUST WE? WHY NOT JUST DIVIDE THEM BETWEEN US? NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW...



OBELIX, YOU'RE BEING VERY SELFISH! THE OTHERS HAVE A RIGHT TO THEIR BIT OF FUN! ROMANS ARE COMMON PROPERTY.



SO COME ALONG!

IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME! IT'S NOT FAIR, IT JUST ISN'T FAIR... IF THEY WANT ROMANS, WHY CAN'T THEY GO AND FIND SOME OF THEIR OWN...?



A LITTLE LATER...

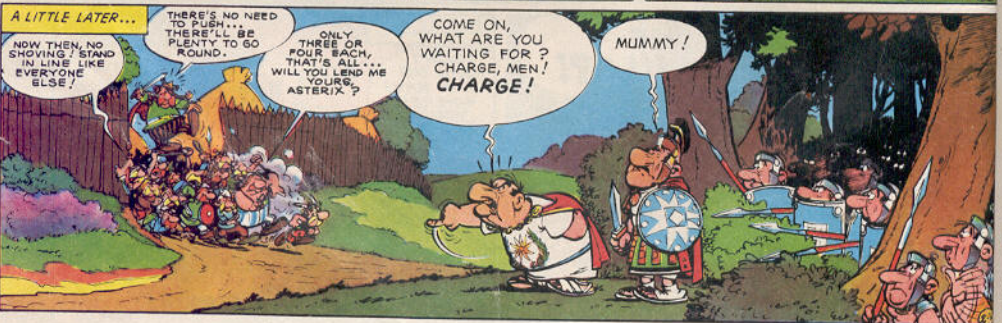
NOW THEN, NO SHOVING! STAND IN LINE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

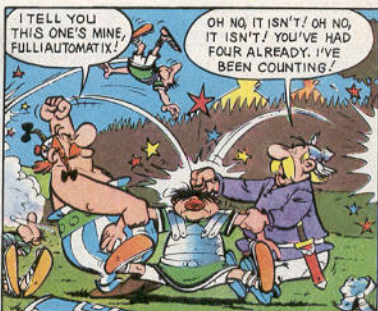
THERE'S NO NEED TO PUSH... THERE'LL BE PLENTY TO GO ROUND.

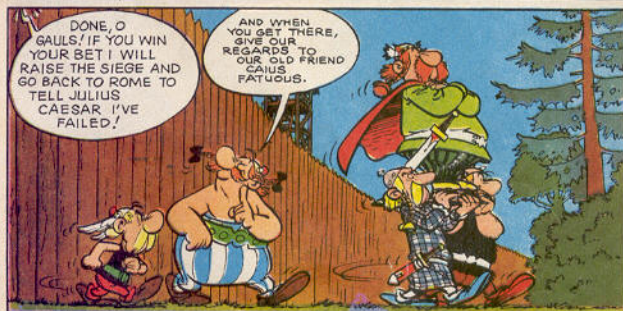
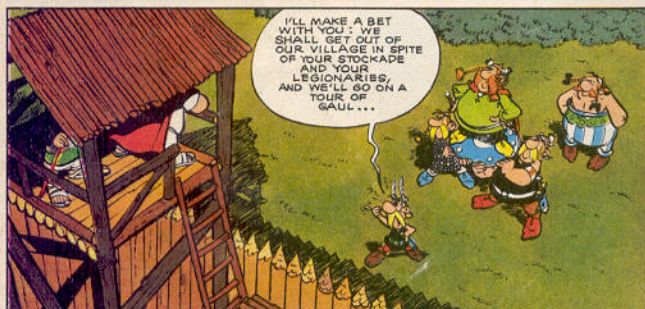
ONLY THREE OR FOUR EACH, THAT'S ALL... WILL YOU LEND ME YOURS, ASTERIX?

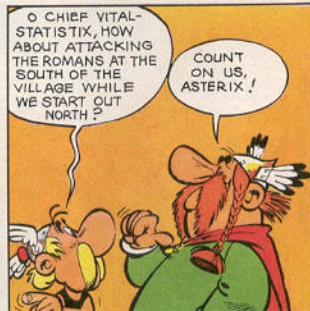
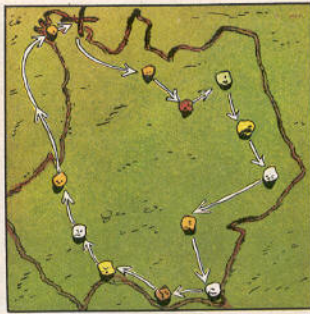
COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? CHARGE, MEN! CHARGE!

MUMMY!



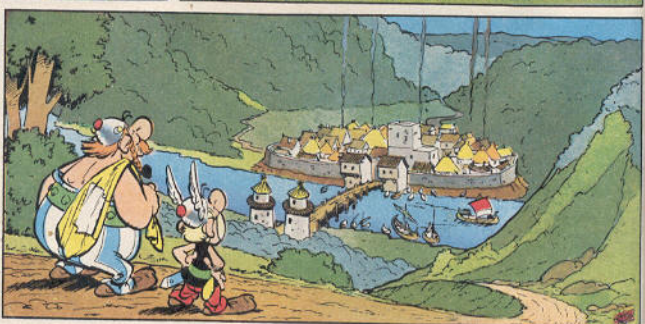
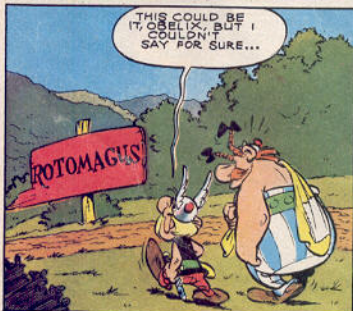
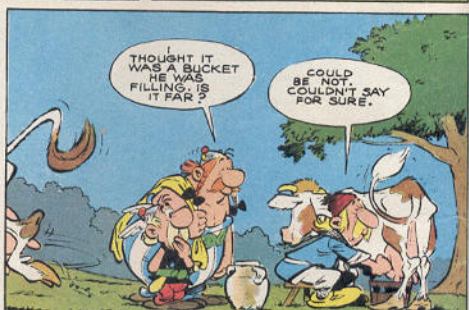
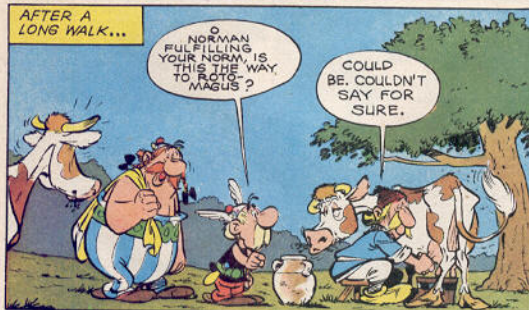
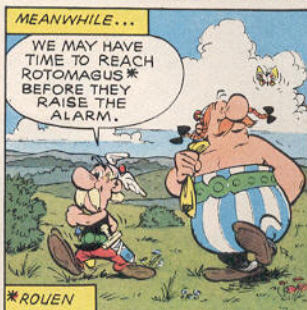
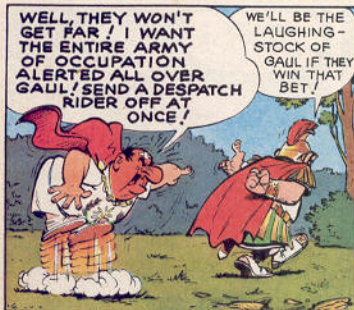


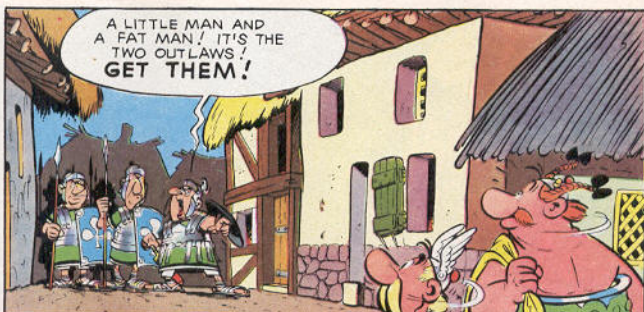


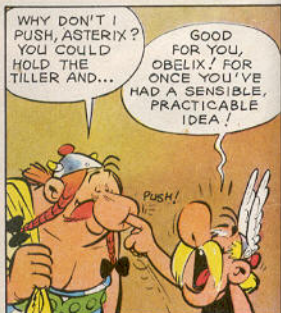
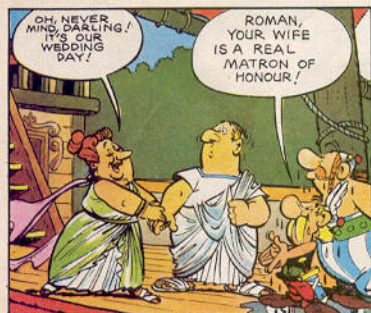
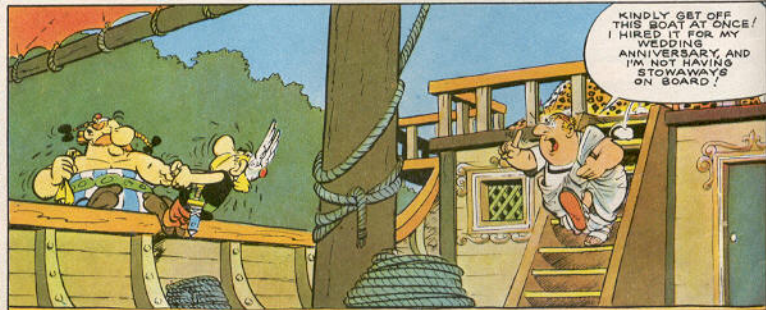


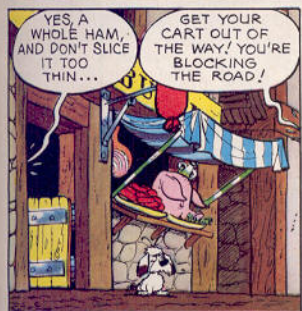
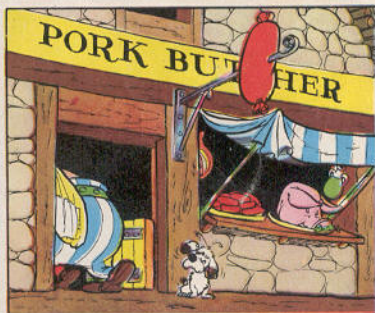
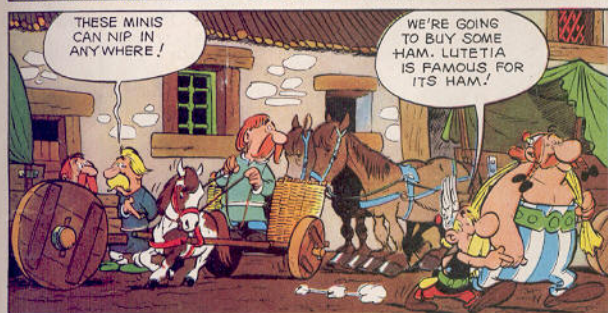
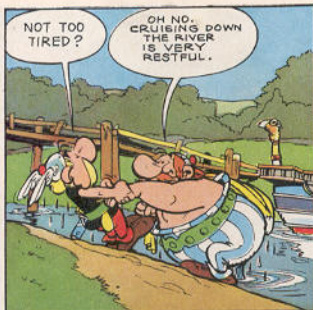
AND THIS IS THE START OF THE FAMOUS TOUR OF GAUL!

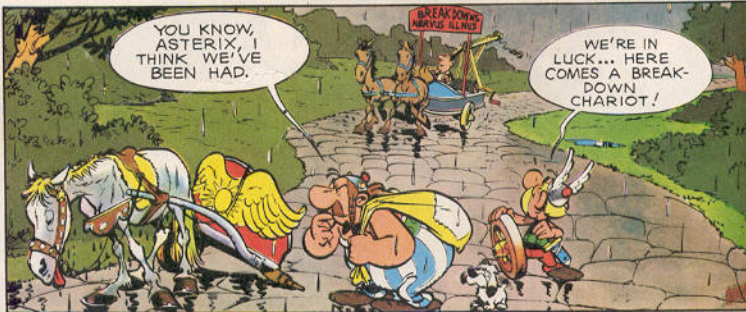
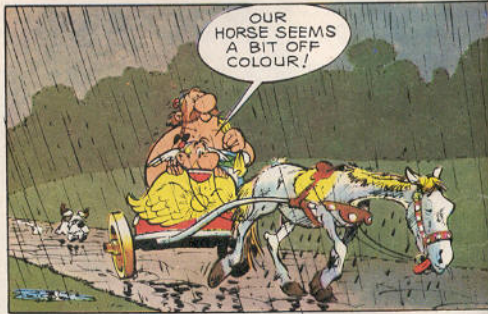
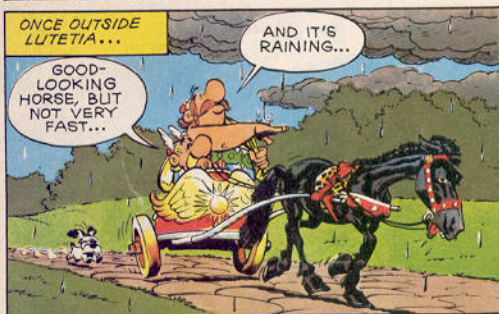
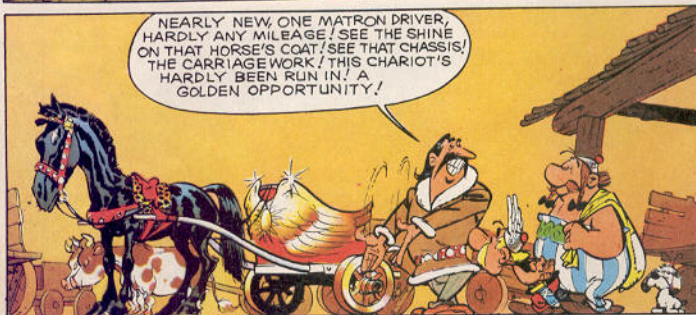
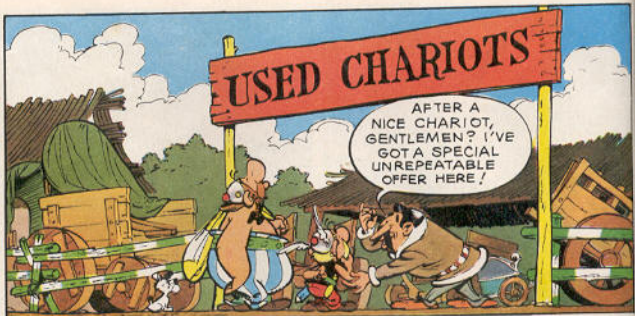
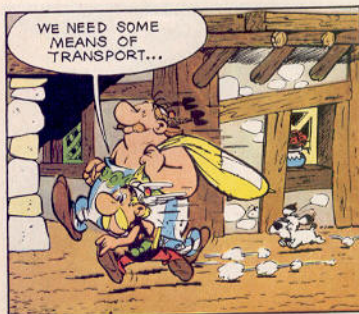


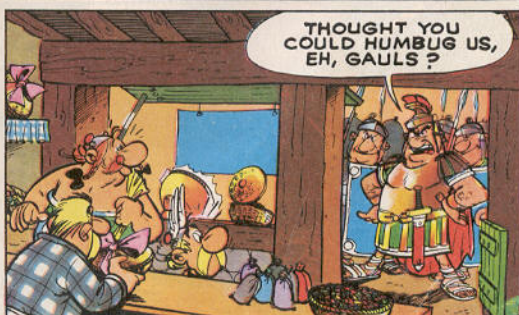
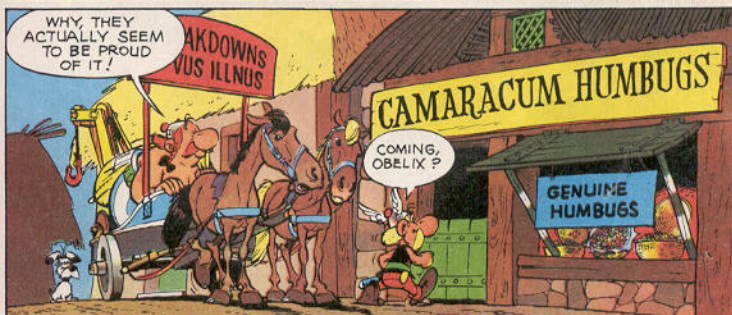
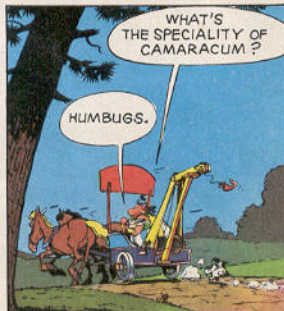
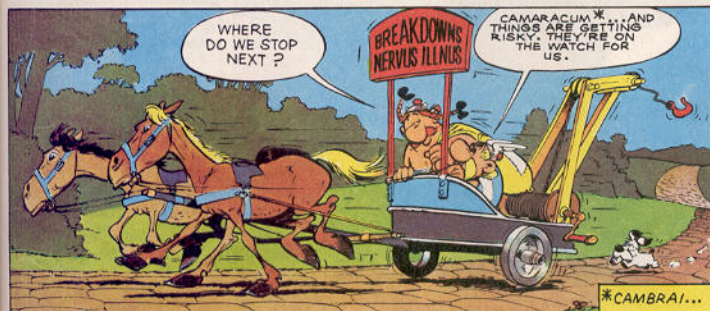
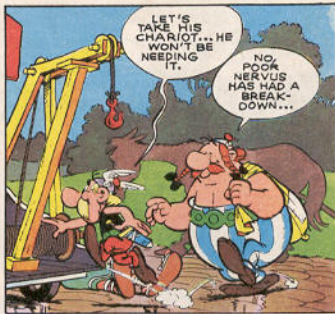
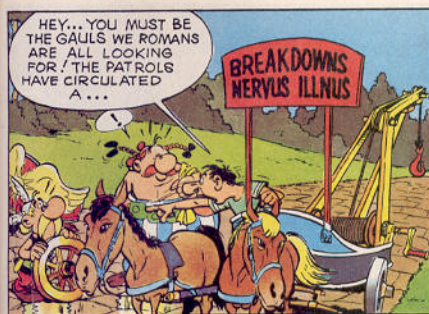


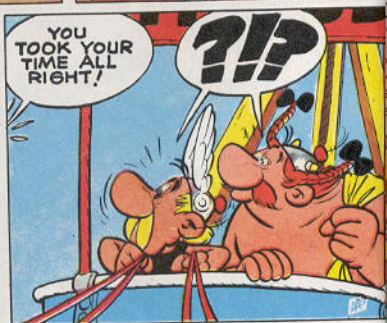
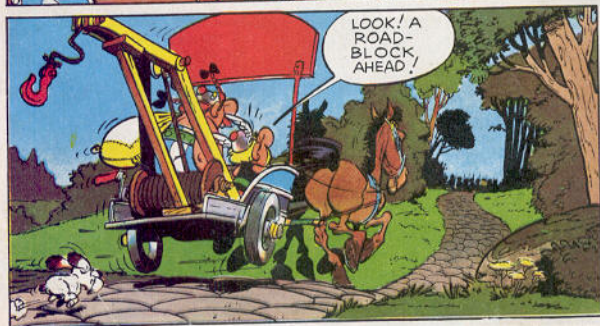
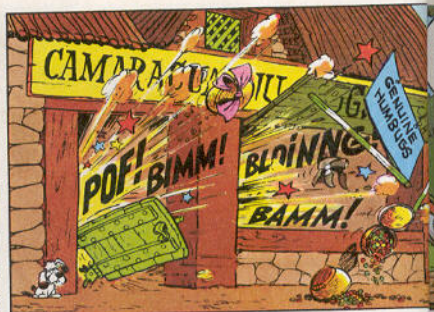


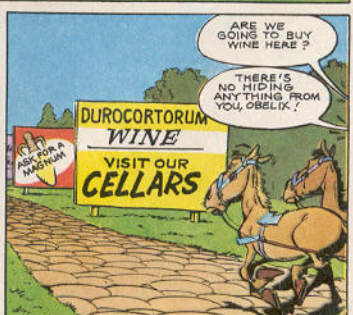
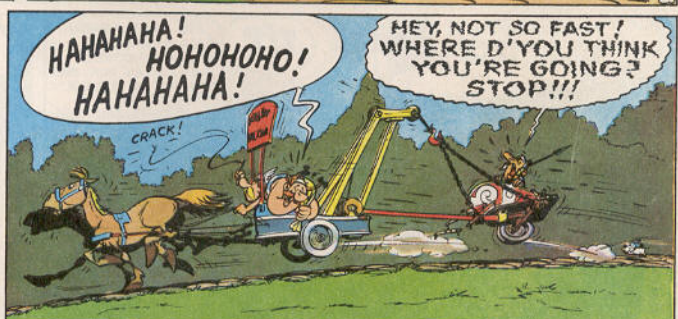
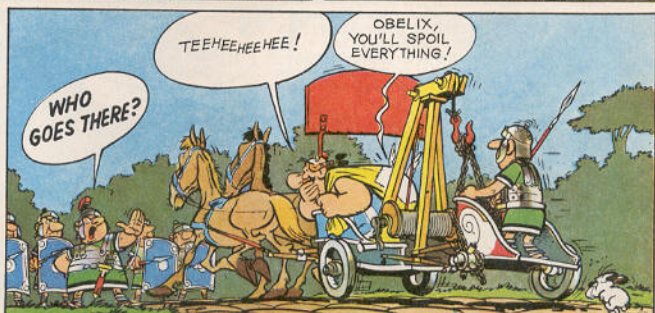
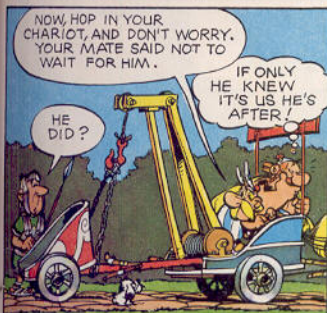
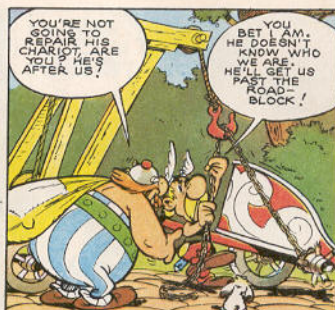
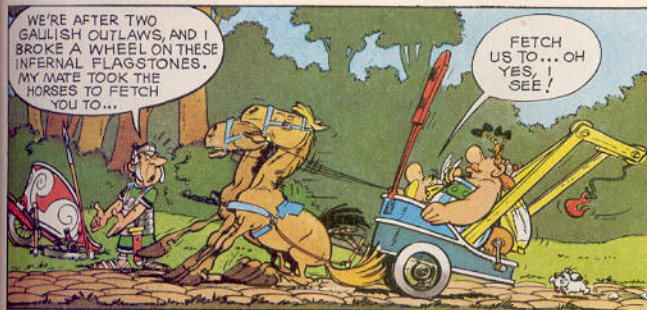


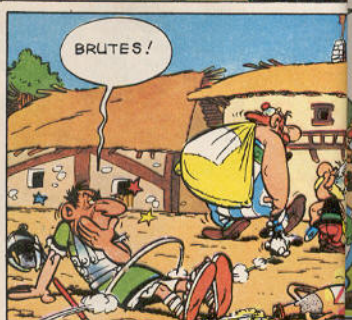
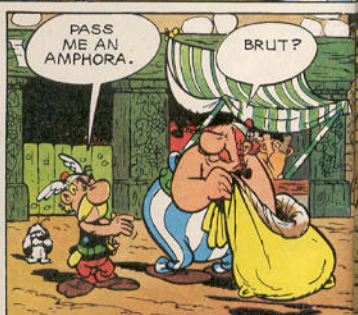
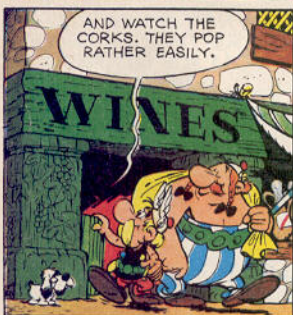
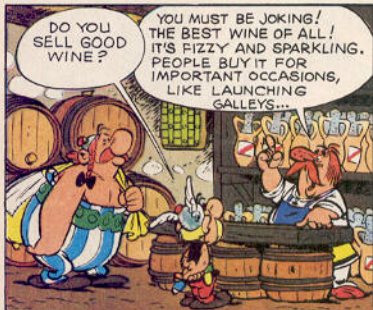


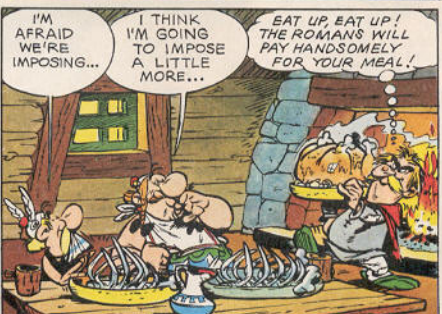
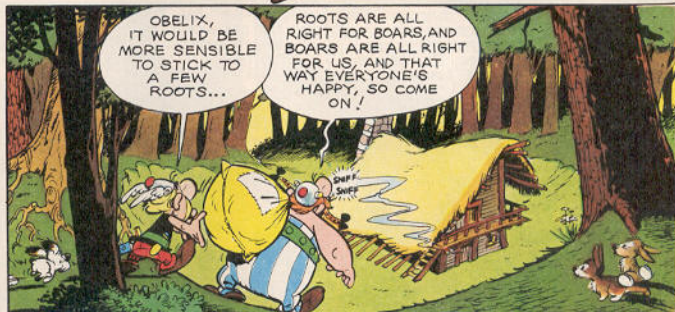
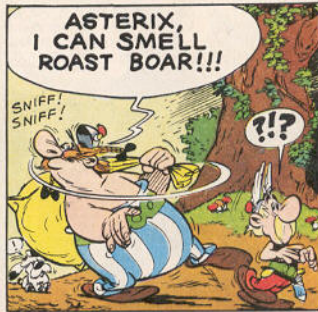
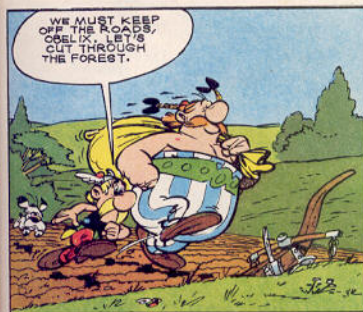


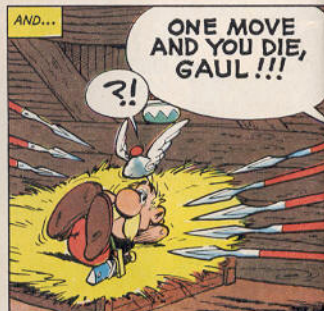
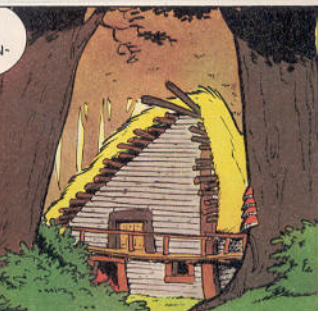


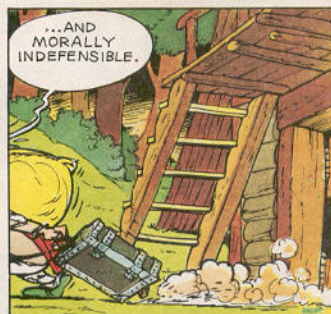
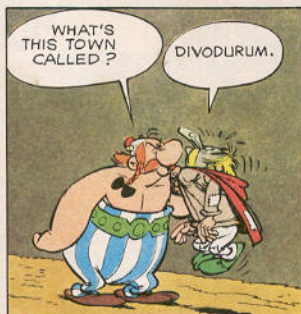
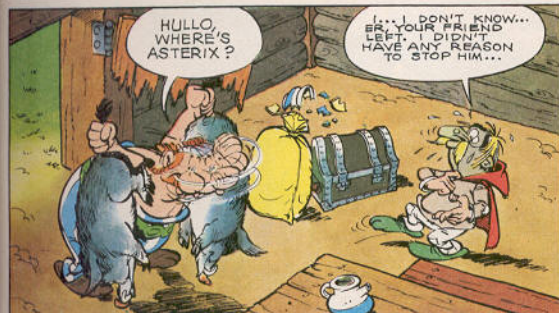
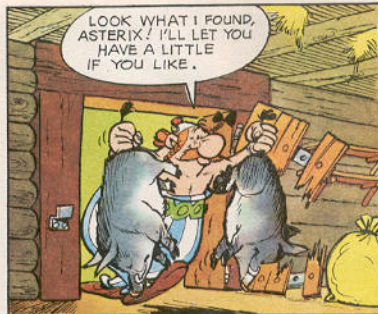


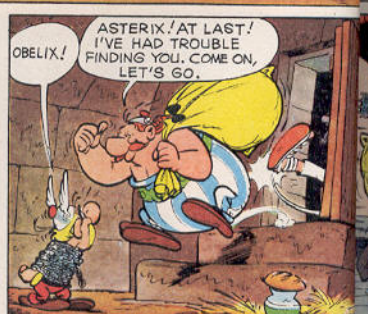
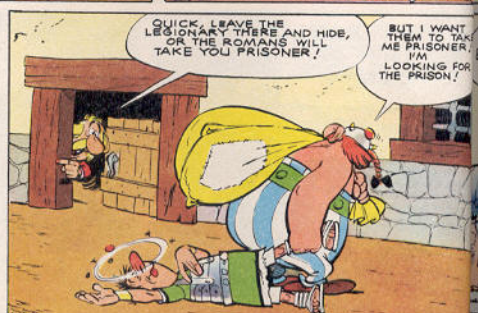
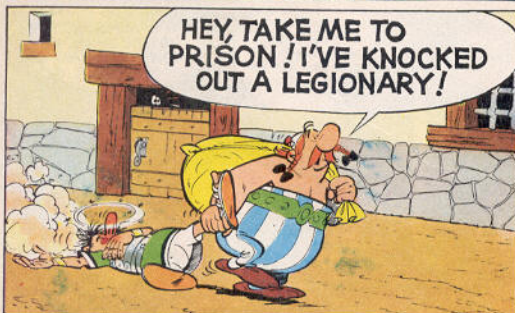
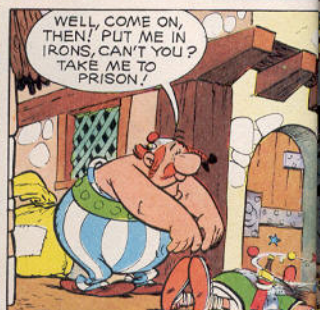
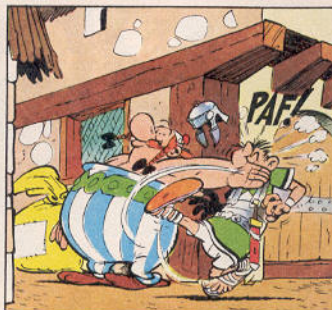


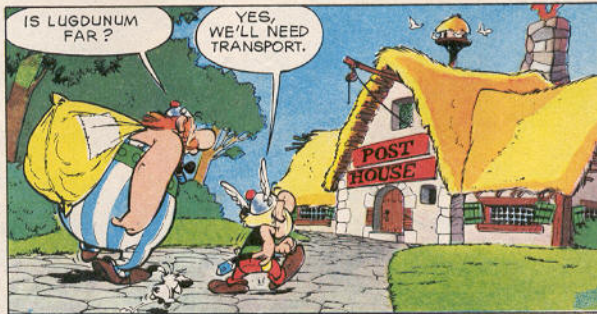
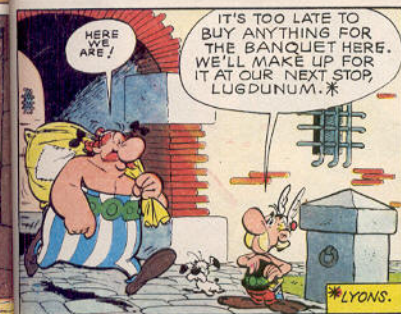
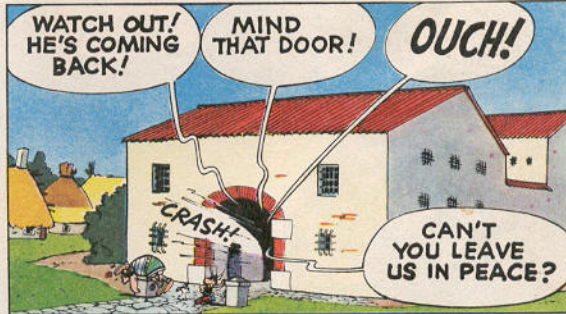
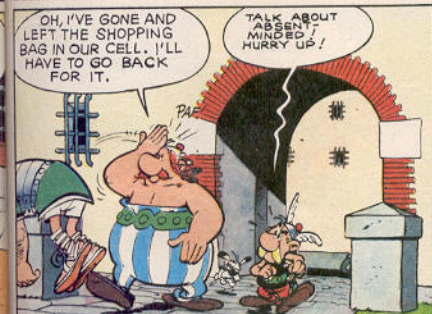
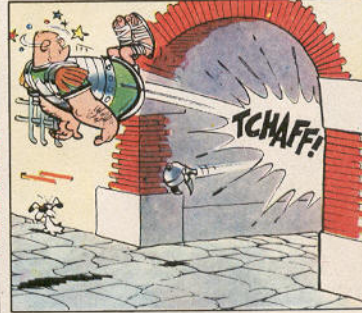
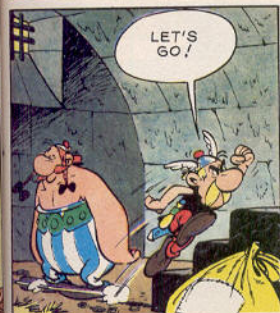
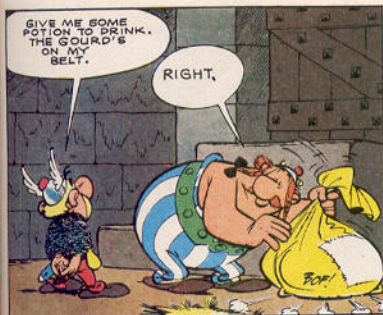


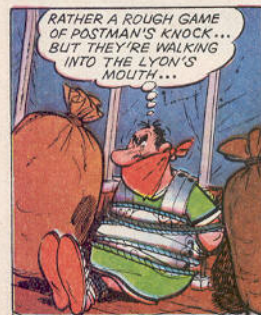
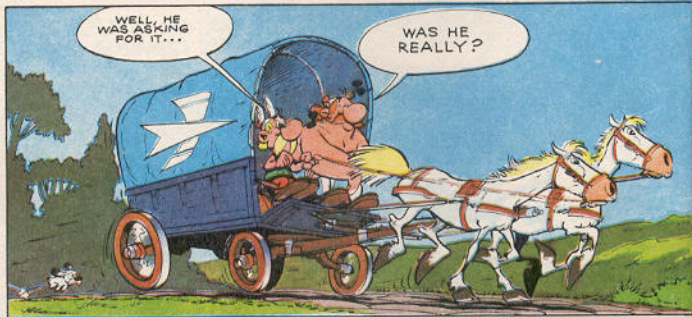
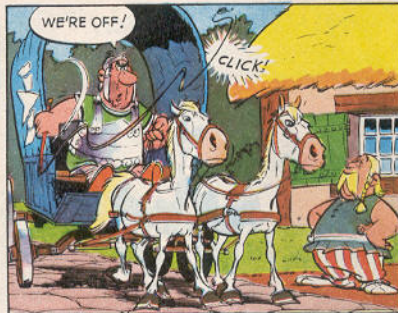
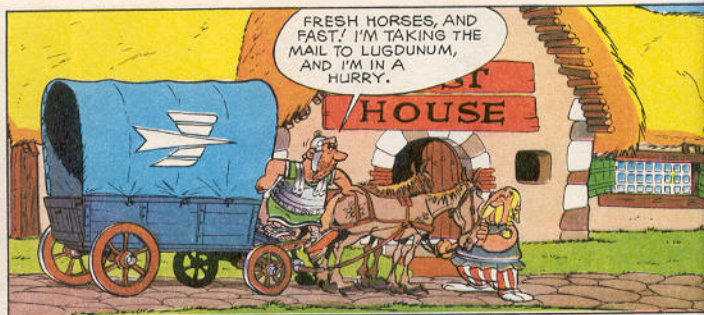
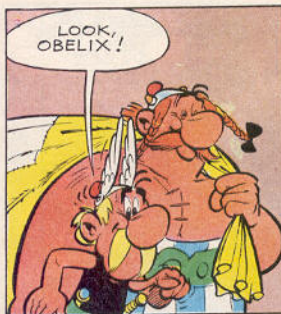


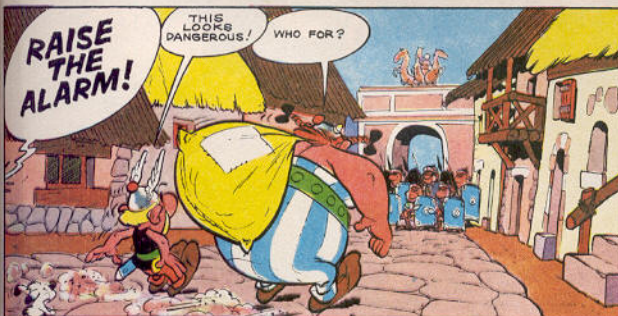
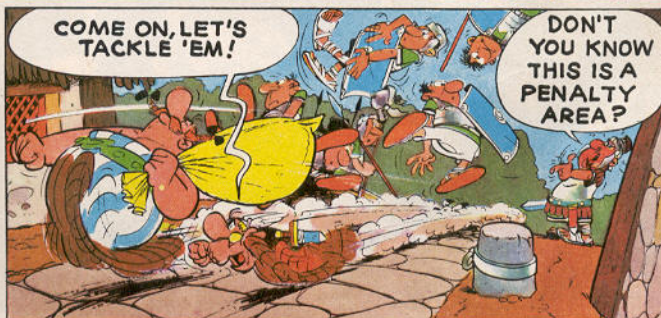
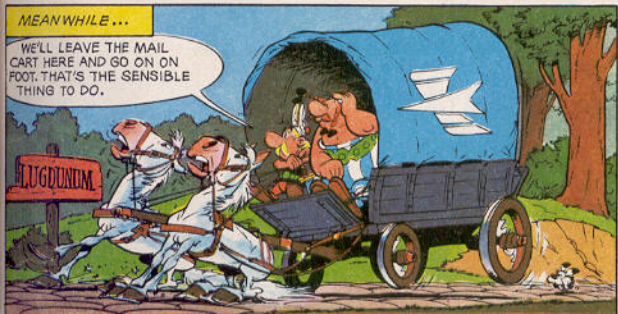
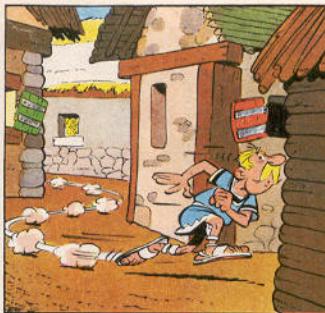


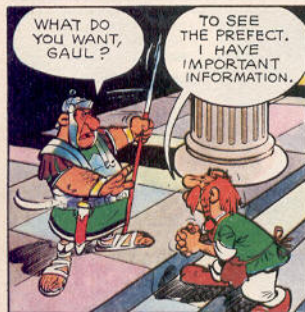






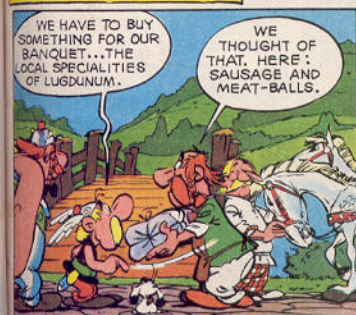
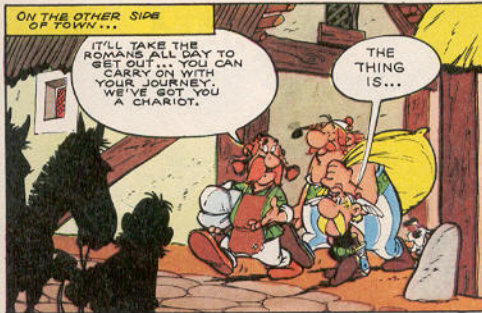


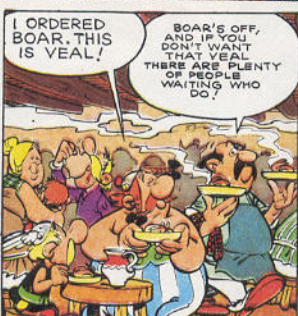
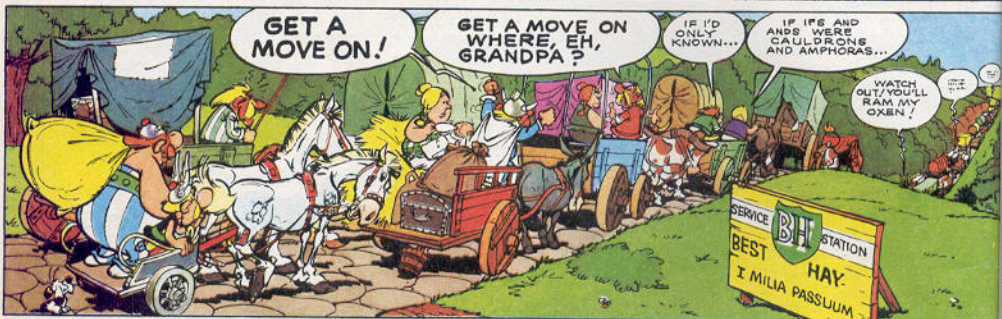
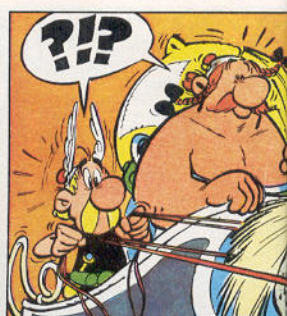
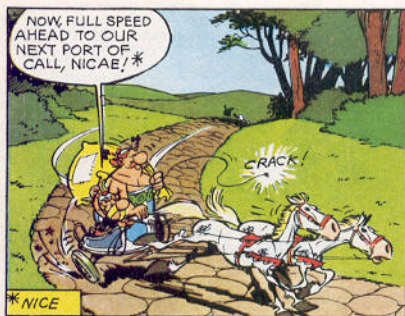


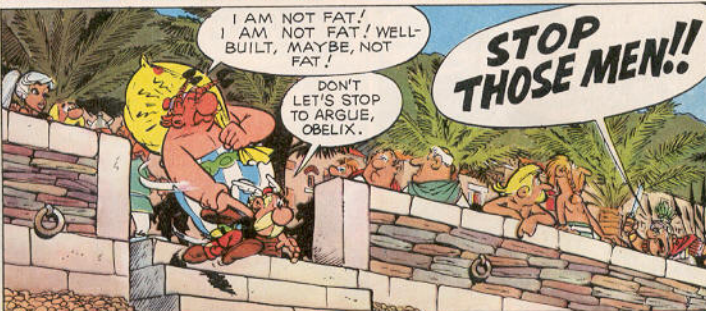
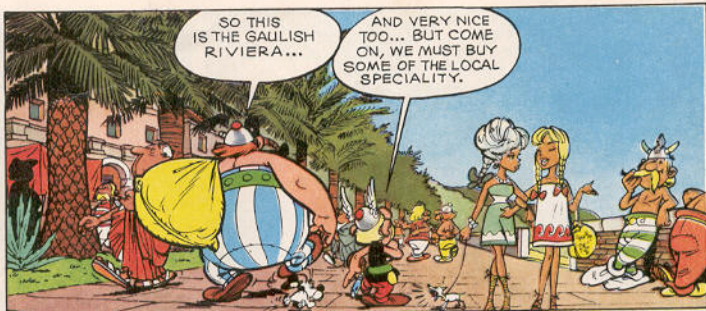
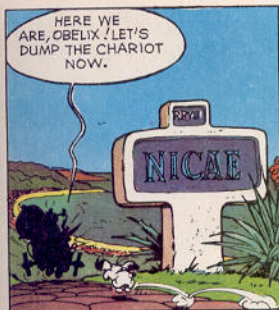


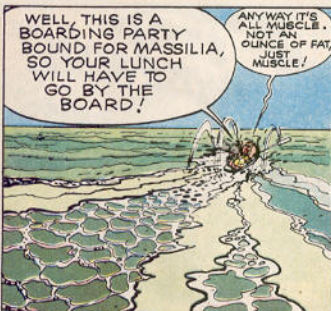
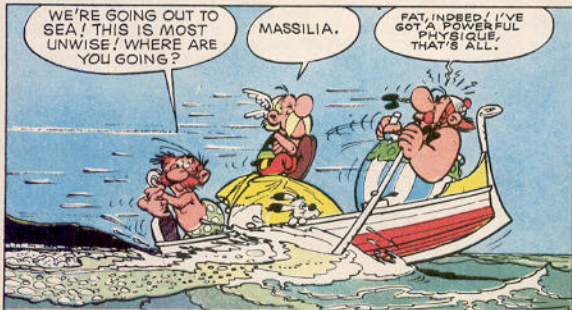


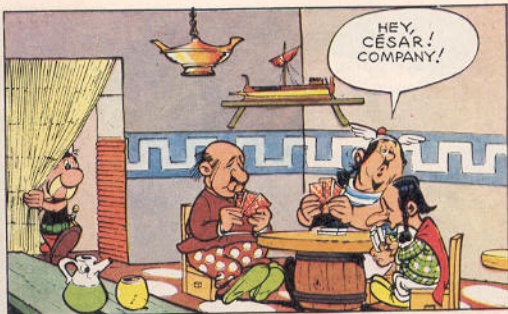
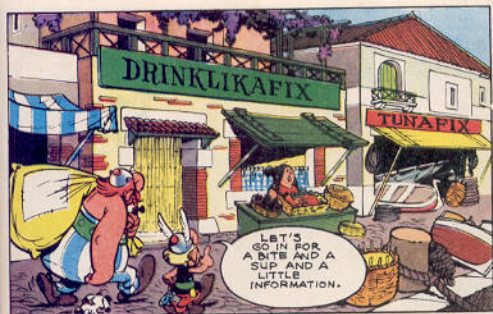
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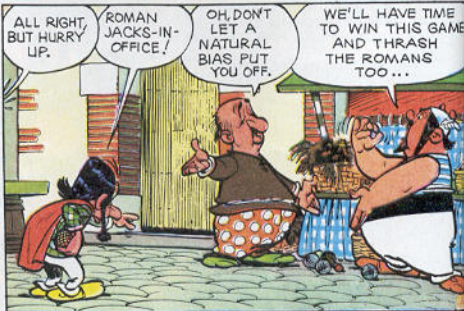
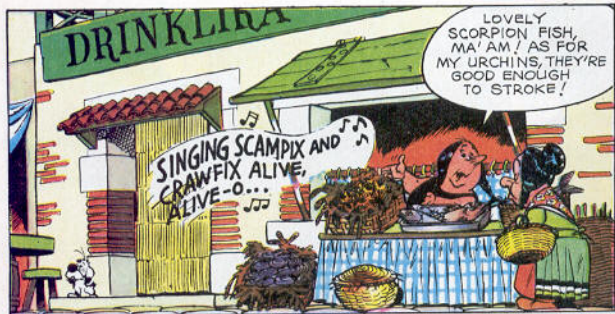


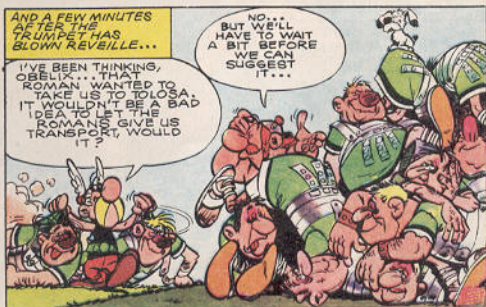
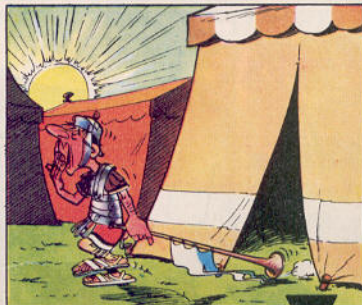


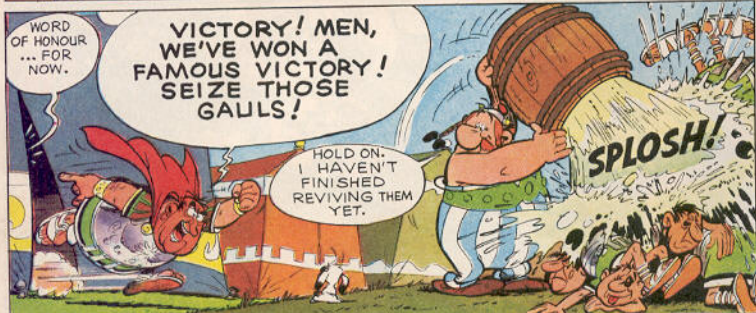
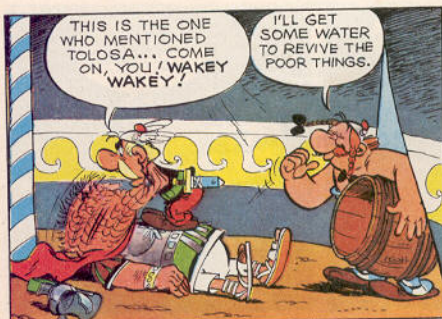


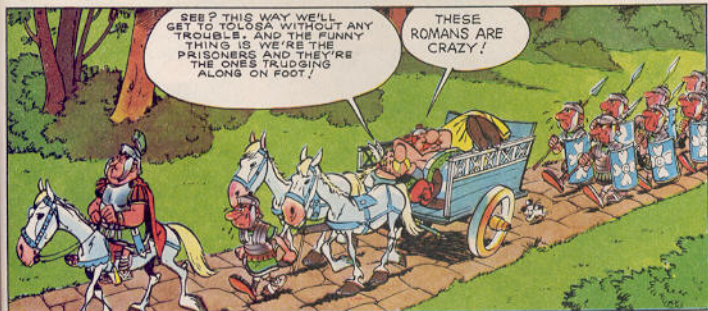
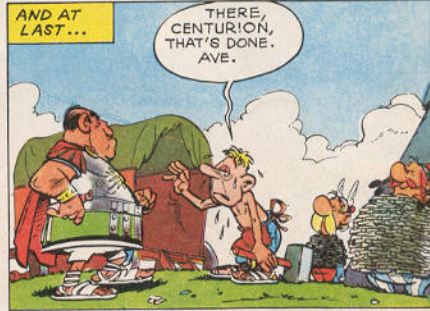
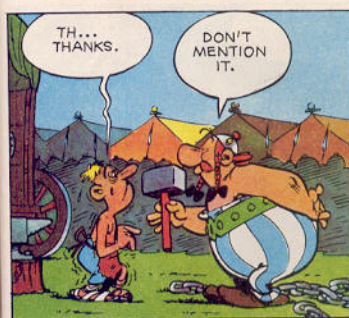


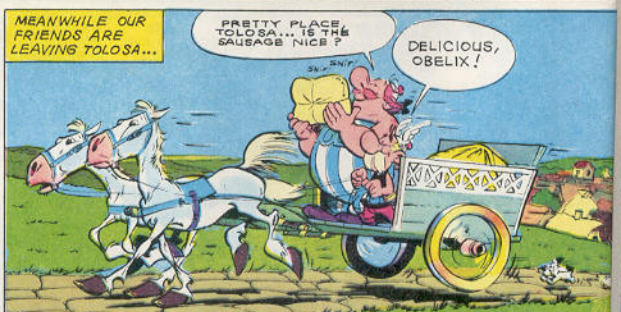
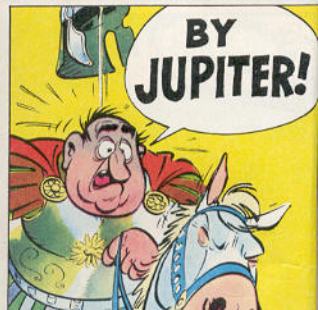
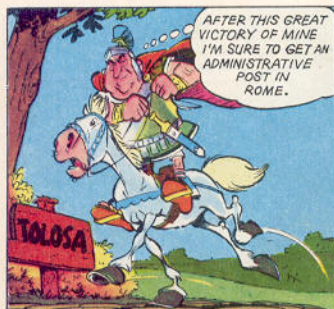


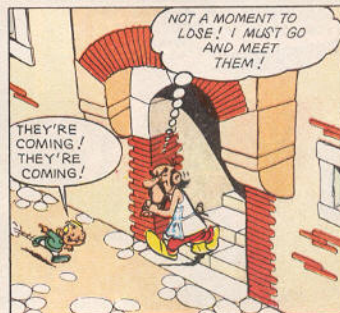
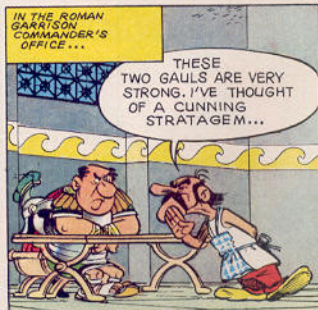
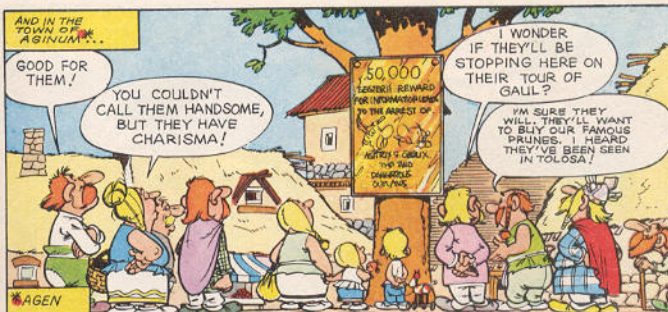
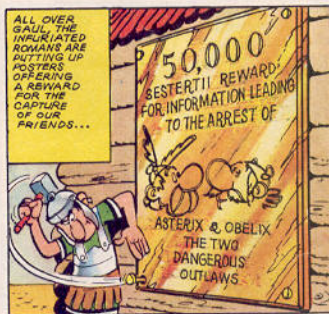


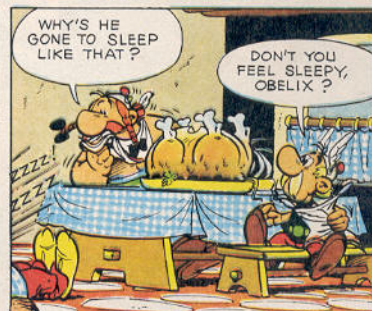
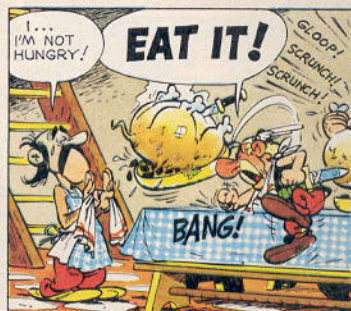
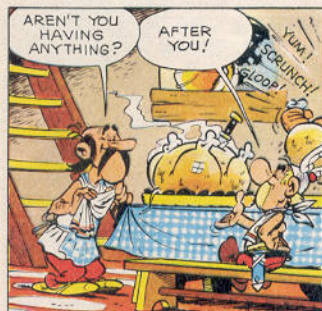
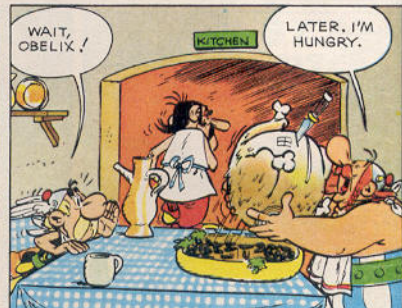


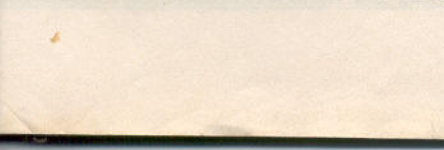
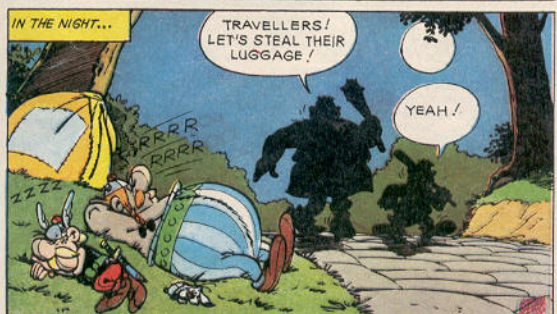
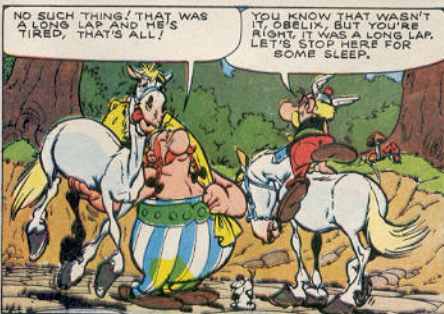
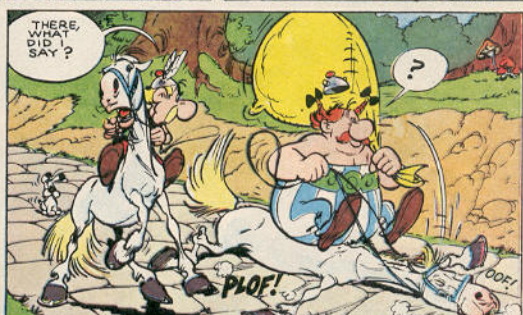
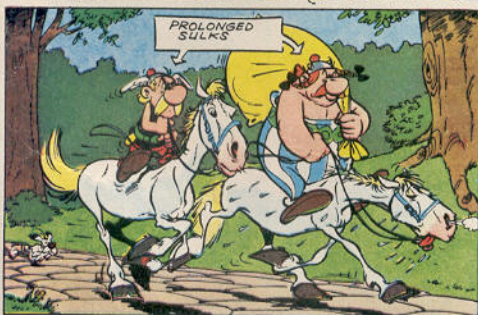
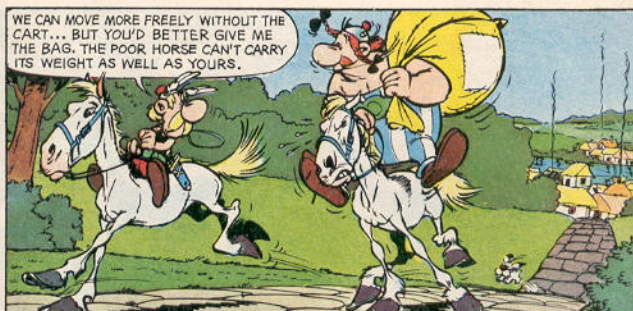


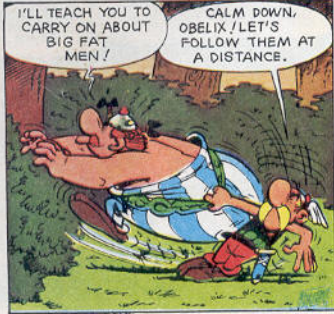
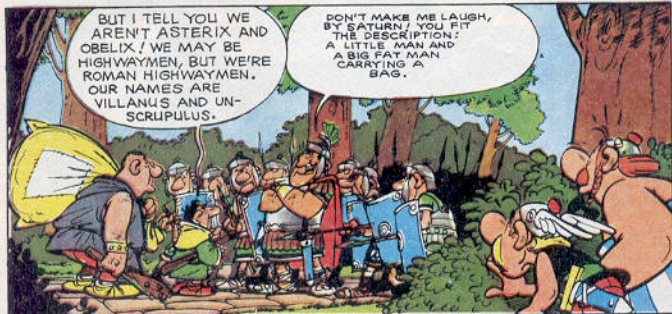
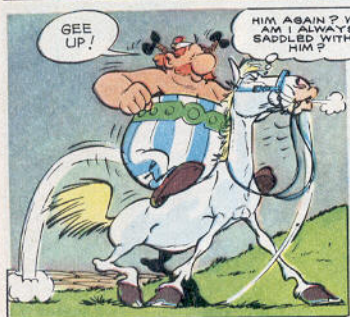
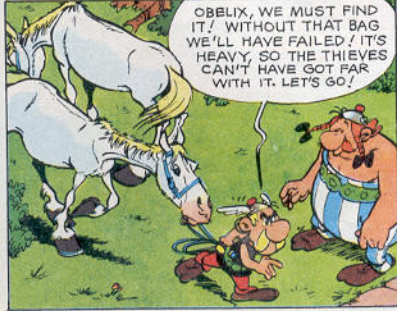
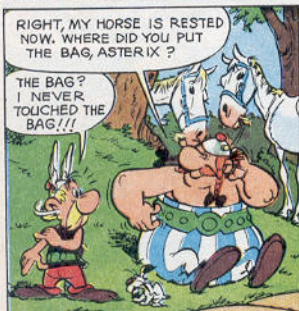


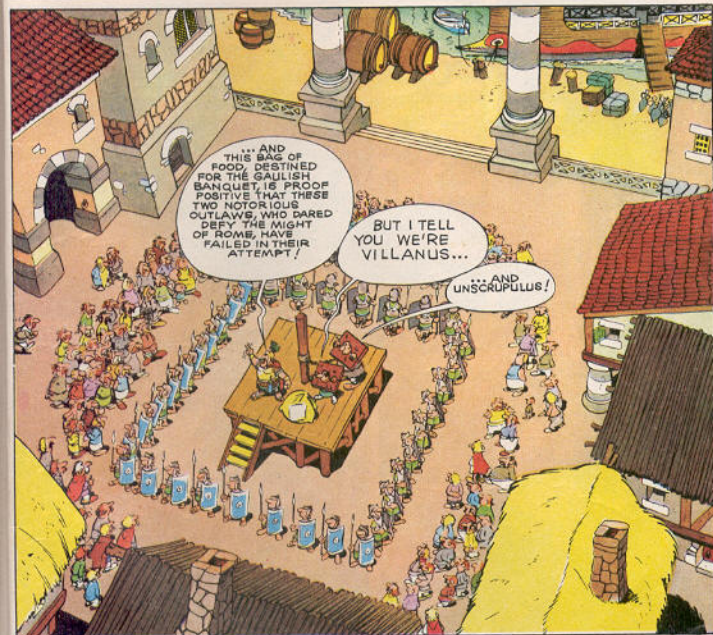
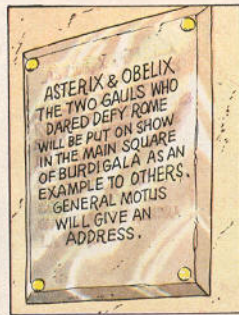
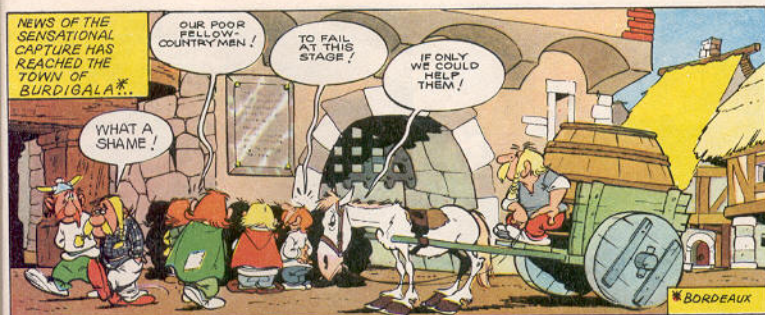


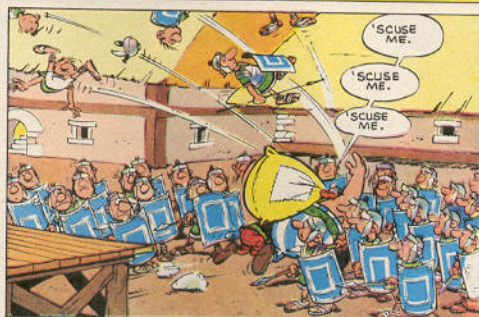
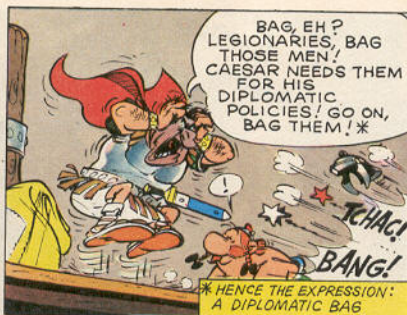


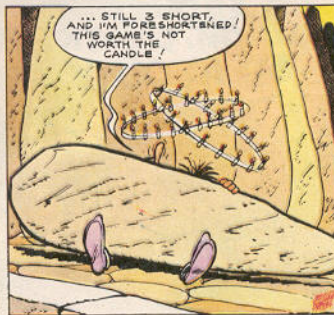
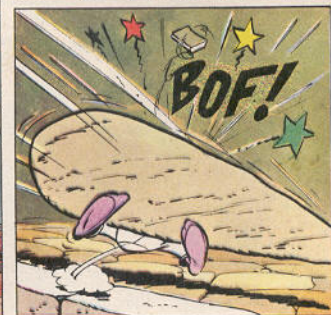
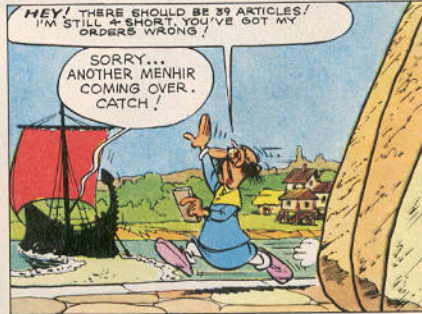


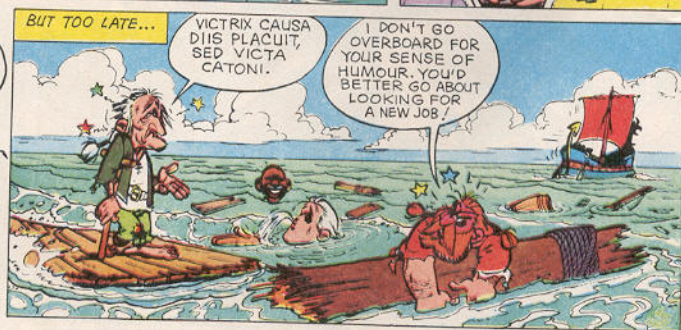
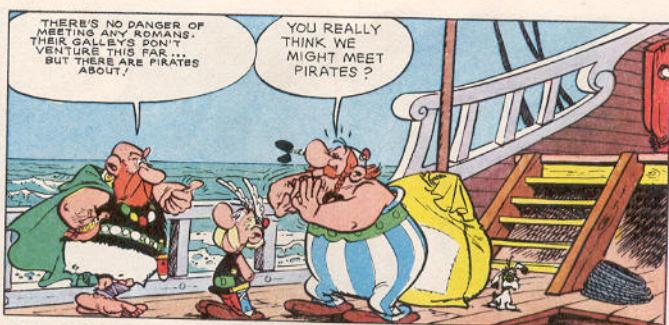
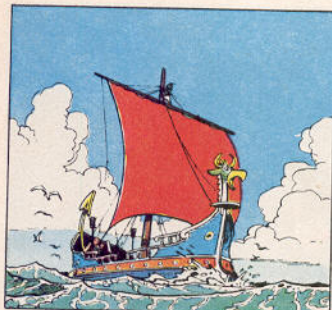


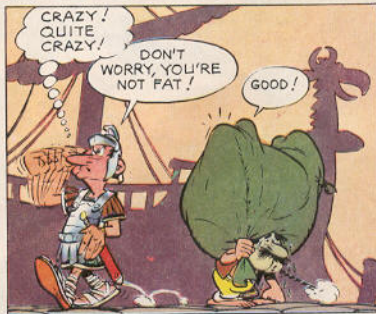
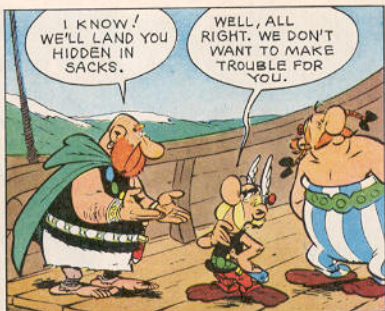


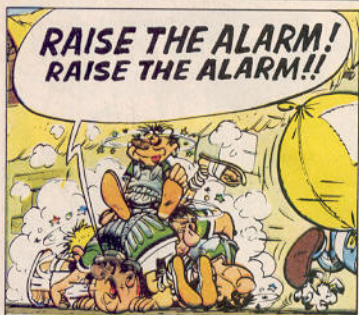


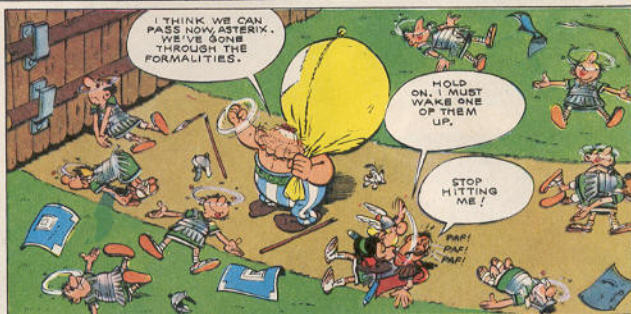
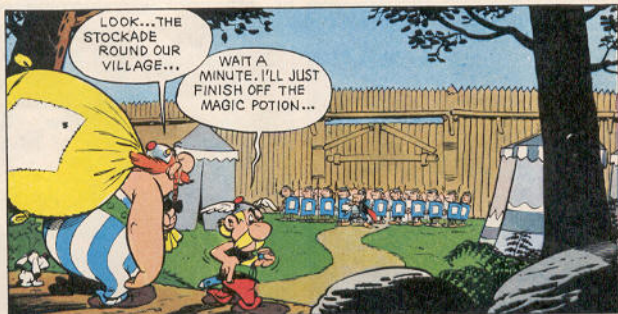
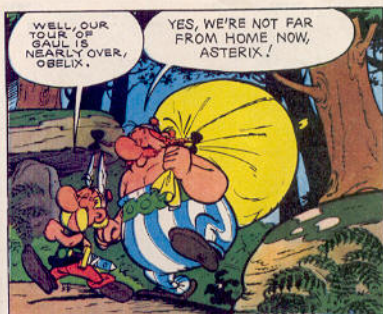












AND THAT EVENING OVER-
ANXIUS COMES, GNASHING
HIS TEETH, TO SINK THEM IN
THE EVIDENCE...



HERE ARE THE
THINGS TO EAT AND
DRINK WE'VE
BROUGHT BACK
FROM ALL OVER
GAUL... HAM FROM
LUTETIA, HUMBUGS
FROM CANARACUM,
DUROCORTUM
WINE...



... SAUSAGE FROM
TOLOSA, SAUSAGE FROM
LUODUNUM, SALAD
FROM NICAB, FISH
STEVEY FROM MASSILIA,
OYSTERS AND WINE
FROM BURDISALA.



BUT THERE'S
STILL ONE COURSE
MISSING... THE
SPECIALITY OF
THIS VILLAGE!



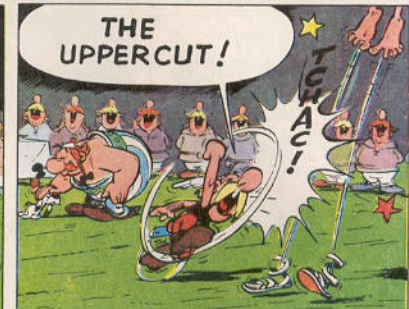
QUITE
RIGHT,
OBELIX!



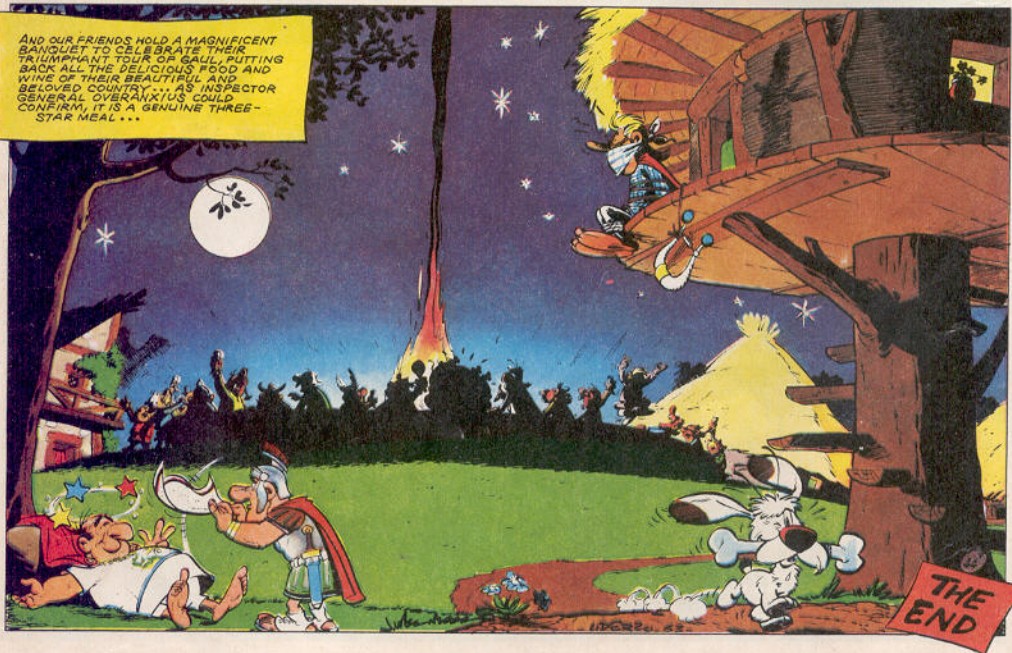
O, OVERANXIUS, YOU
KNOW WHICH CUT OF
MEAT IS OUR OWN
SPECIALITY?

WOOF!
WOOF!

THE
UPPERCUT!



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GENERAL OVERANXIUS COULD
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STAR MEAL...



THE
END